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Louisville's Observance Honoring Ireland's Patron Saint.

Hibernians Receive Holy Communion at St. Patrick's Church.

Large Audience Greeted Bishop O'Donoghue at Masonic Theater.

GREAT DAY FOR THE IRISH

Never before has Louisville had a more praiseworthy celebration in honor of St. Patrick, the glorious Apostle of Ireland, than that of last Sunday. Imbued with the true faith St. Patrick planted in the Emerald Isle over fifteen centuries ago, his children observed the day with the religious and patriotic spirit characteristic of the Irish people. The day dawned crisp and clear, and early in the morning the Hibernians and Ladies' Auxiliary from all parts of the city gathered at St. Patrick's church to honor the memory of their illustrious patron and receive holy communion. Rev. James P. Cronin, V. G., was the celebrant of the high mass, and in his sermon he greeted the large number present with a "dear little faith." Father Cronin commended the Ancient Order of Hibernians for the good work they were engaged in and their loyalty and devotion to their ecclesiastical superiors. He also dwelt at some length on the devotion of the Irish people to the one true faith. Despite the most cruel persecution they had ever remained true, and of all the nations not one suffered as much or came out stronger for the Catholic religion than did the Irish. Even in this country the number of those who had lost the faith was infinitesimally small, while those who had gone to heaven could be counted only in millions.

The literary and musical celebration of the day was held in the evening at the Masonic Theater under the auspices of the County Board, A. O. U. when a great and appreciative audience greeted the Right Rev. Denis O'Donoghue, Bishop of Louisville, Very Rev. James P. Cronin, V. G., the County Chaplain, and the ladies and gentlemen who contributed to largely to the excellent program, in which were blended patriotism, oratory, music and humor. A remarkably enthusiastic scene was presented and the vast audience warmly applauded when the curtain arose, showing the venerable Bishop seated with Father Cronin on his right and County President W. J. Connelly on the left, while Judge Matt O'Doherty, Col. P. H. Callahan, State President P. J. Walsh, William M. Higgins, Thomas Keenan, George J. Butler, Daniel McCarthy, James P. Barry, Thomas Walsh, John Doyle and Martin Cusick occupied the row of seats just behind them. County President Connelly, who presided, expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to introduce one known and loved by all and who had so kindly consented to honor the occasion with his presence. With feelings of love he introduced Bishop O'Donoghue, pledging him the loyalty and united support of both the Ancient Order and the Ladies' Auxiliary. President Connelly touched upon the Catholic growth in Louisville and the increase of fraternal orders and complimented the committee upon the excellence of the program.

When Bishop O'Donoghue arose there were rounds of applause. Looking at the sea of faces before him he said the audience was all right and he was glad to be with them and contribute to the celebration. Nations honor the memory of their great generals and benefactors, but no country had one more deserving of honor than St. Patrick, whose work was for God and the people. The Bishop then dwelt upon the advent of St. Patrick, who found the Irish a high-minded people, worshipping the sun and not stone gods. Few realize the work that confronted the great apostle, whose mission was to convert the heathen. The work of the saint was thorough. In a few years the whole island was converted to Christianity and each succeeding generation has remained firm in the faith of its fathers despite the persecution of centuries. He verily believed that St. Patrick was still watching over Ireland and her people and it is therefore right and proper that they commemorate his memory.

Bishop O'Donoghue told of the persecution of the Irish during the time of Cromwell, when the Englishman declared he would drive them "to hell or Connaught." "The Irish went to Connaught, but did Cromwell go to the other place?" asked the Bishop. He further told of the days when priests were forced to celebrate mass in caves in their efforts to escape the persecuting English soldiers. "It was the spirit of St. Patrick and the memory of his name that served to keep alive the flame of faith in the breasts of Irishmen and, though driven from their country and forced to seek refuge in other lands, their loyalty to home and religion never died. In Tasmania, Australia, Egypt, Canada, India, Africa and our own United States—everywhere there are Irishmen—there you will find churches dedicated to St. Patrick, the one man who converted a nation that has

maintained its faith unshaken for more than 1,500 years." In concluding Bishop O'Donoghue said he came with a good will and good wish and hoped they would all live to have many celebrations to honor St. Patrick and God.

Following the Bishop came Thornton Flynn, whose solo was so well rendered that he had to respond to an encore. Daniel McCarthy's rendition of "The Priest's Leap" so interested the audience that a pin could be heard drop, and at its conclusion the house shook with applause. The Irish humor and comedy singing of Frank and Kate Carleton proved a big hit and stirred the great gathering to laughter and applause. Robert Seymour, the blind boy, captured the entire audience with his vocal solo and was forced to take a position where all could see him. Real Irish enthusiasm was manifest and true Irish loyalty was shown when the Stars and Stripes received even louder cheers than the green flag emblazoned with the harp and shamrock when Miss Aileen Zix so charmingly sang "They've Won Every Nation's Battles But Their Own." Miss Gladys Reigel's solo was well received, and Miss Effie McDonald sang with force and sweet voice "The Harp That Once Thro' Tara's Hall." Every number was artistically rendered and to mark one for more praise than the other would be unjust. The splendid program was concluded with moving pictures of the Irish drama, "Colleen Bawn."

COMMITTEES

Named For the Year For Central Committee, C. K. of A.

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Committee, Catholic Knights of America, at St. Mary's Hall on Friday night of last week was well attended and interesting. President Schalla named the following standing committees for the year:

Entertainment—William M. Higgins, Patrick Holley, Oscar Maier, Tony Heiken, Charles Hill, Ben Kruse, Charles Falk, G. W. Mattingly.

Membership—John J. Score, Joseph P. McGinn, W. T. Meehan, H. A. Veenneman, Michael Reichert, Henry Schulten.

Ritual—W. T. Meehan, Eugene McCarthy, William Cushion, John Soeder.

Press—Gen. M. Reichert, William M. Higgins, John J. Score, Patrick Holley, H. A. Veenneman. State President Score brought greetings from the Supreme Delegation, Col. Oester Meisner, of Henderson, who is expected to pay a visit to the Knights of Louisville before the Supreme Council meets in Washington. Gen. Michael Reichert reported the results of the meeting and conference held at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, which gives promise for a new branch soon after Easter. The committee were given a cordial reception by the pastor and men of the parish and feel confident of success.

A communication was received from the Knights of Columbus inviting the Catholic Knights of the city to participate in the retreat to be given at the Cathedral. The invitation was accepted and all who were urged to join with the K. of C. and also bring their non-Catholic friends.

CONSECRATION.

Bishops and Abbots at St. Anthony's Hospital Tuesday.

Next Tuesday will be one of the most memorable days in the history of St. Anthony's Hospital, this city, in charge of the noble Franciscan Sisters. On that morning will take place with elaborate ceremonial the solemn consecration of the handsome new chapel of the Sacred Heart of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, including the three marble altars. The consecration ceremonies will begin at 7:30 o'clock in the morning and will be followed by a Pontifical high mass. Right Rev. Joseph Chartrand, Coadjutor Bishop of Indianapolis, will conduct the consecration ceremony for the main altar, and the Right Rev. Edward M. Obrecht, Abbot of Gethsemani, and the Right Rev. Athanasius Schmitt, of St. Meinrad's Abbey, will be the consecrating prelates for the other two altars. Right Rev. Denis O'Donoghue, Bishop of Louisville, will preach the sermon for the occasion. The three marble altars and the communion railing, which are works of art, are the donations of Miss Lillian Pearson, of Philadelphia. A banquet will be tendered the visiting clergy at the conclusion of the high mass.

PRaises AMERICA.

The United States is referred to as the ideal country for religious freedom in a Papal encyclical issued Saturday from the Vatican. His Holiness also rejoices in the abolition of the anti-Catholic clause in the British coronation oath. He says that it is evidence of greater freedom in England.

CHURCH SUPPER.

The ladies of St. Mary's church, New Albany, who have been socially inactive during the Lenten season, will entertain with a bounteous supper on Monday, March 24, in St. Joseph's Hall, East Ninth street. Their affairs are well attended and always enjoyable.

ROUTED.

Tory Forces Suffer From Election Defeats and Split in Ranks.

Breach Has Widened and Their Fight On Ministry Is Weak.

Ministry Will Remain Two More Years and Pass Home Rule.

REAL CALM RULES IN COMMONS

Reviewing the week in Parliament and the fear caused by threatened war, Hon. T. P. O'Connor cabled the American press that abroad everything for several days promised a tempest and even cataclysm, while at home there reigned unapproachable dullness. The situation in the House of Commons presents the extraordinary spectacle of a new Parliament opening with all the tranquillity, staidness and even depression which more fitly belong to the close of a session, when everybody is too exhausted to feel or speak excitedly.

The attack of the Tory opposition on the Ministry is so probable that everybody wondered. Andrew Bonar Law, opposition leader, spoke in tones of subdued moderation, in strange contrast with his fiery utterances of the last session. Law even went to the length of acknowledging that the Ministry might remain two years more in office and carry the home rule and other measures. In short, the Tory leader made a speech of a completely broken man. The demonstration of the Tories was most conspicuous on the night when they attacked the home rule policy of the Ministry. For hours the House of Commons remained with less than twenty members present, and the debate after it some of the talkative Liberals had not helped the Tories spin it till the end of the sitting.

All of the politicians agree in describing this new session of the Commons as the deadest in many years. Apart from the enormous strengthening of the Ministerial strength by the recent elections, this demoralization of the Tories is attributed to the fierce conflicts between the sections of the party. The food struggle, though beaten in the recent election, are not reconciled to accept a desperate effort to force on Bonar Law a protectionism motion which would have undoubtedly opened all the old sores and again exposed the internal divisions.

Bonar Law has put his feet down and suppressed the protectionist motion and added to the fury of the defeated food taxers by appointing as an additional Tory whip Capt. Stanley, brother of Lord Derby, who is especially detested by the food taxers as the chief organizer of the recent successful revolt against the food taxes.

The situation of Bonar Law and the Tory party is further complicated by the extraordinary choice of the Tory candidate for one of the two by-elections now being fought. The Tory candidate being an avowed free trader, and therefore in full revolt against the whole policy of protection. Such a candidate, sanctioned by Bonar Law, would look like the final abandonment of the Tory policy, and would be the last word in the controversy, and close forever the dissatisfied protectionist chapter of Tory history which Joseph Chamberlain opened seven years ago.

KIAPHEKE A GUARDIAN.

J. William Kiapheke, prominent in Louisville business circles, has been appointed a member of the Board of Children's Guardians, succeeding Frank A. Geher, Judge Boldrick also appointed Judge H. Burdine for another term of three years. The Board of Children's Guardians, which has done a great amount of work for the children of the city by making fathers care for them through the medium of the Police Court, is composed of four white men and two negroes. In addition to the appointments of Judge R. W. Bingham and Leon P. Lewis and Rochelle I. Smith and Thomas I. Smith and Thomas Parks, colored. Judge Boldrick is a member ex-officio.

FRACTURE OF SHOULDER.

Arthur Cusick, the young son of Deputy Jailor Peter Cusick, met with a painful accident on Tuesday. With a number of his young companions he was roller skating at Twenty-third and Market streets, and in a collision with another boy suffered the fracture of his right shoulder. The broken bone was set by a surgeon when he was removed to his home at 1923 West Madison street.

SHAMROCKS FOR PRESIDENT.

St. Patrick's day found President Wilson decorated with a sprig of real shamrock from the Green Isle. From Ireland on Saturday there reached the White House for the President a box of Irish shamrocks, the gift of Hon. John Redmond, the Irish leader in the British House of Commons. When they arrived the President's Secretary, Joseph Patrick Tumulty, with a smile said he felt that he alone was qualified to receive them. President Wilson shared the little green leaves with his Secretary and other friends in the White House.

POPE PIUS

Decrees Universal Jubilee Extending From March to December.

Associated Press dispatches bring intelligence that Pope Pius on Monday, St. Patrick's day, published an apostolic letter, which he revised the preceding day, decreeing a universal jubilee from Low Sunday, March 30, to December 8, the feast of Immaculate Conception, in commemoration of the religious toleration edict issued by Emperor Constantine in the fourth century. The faithful must come to Rome and visit twice the churches of St. John Lateran, St. Peter's and St. Paul's, praying, confessing, receiving communion and giving alms, or they must visit six times churches chosen by their own Bishops and carry out the same devotions. Those thus attending the jubilee will enjoy plenary indulgence of all their sins.

WELCOME

For Supreme President of Catholic Knight and Ladies.

The Catholic Knights and Ladies of America, with branches in nearly every Catholic parish in Louisville, Jeffersonville and New Albany, will entertain their Supreme President, Charles H. Marr, Mayor of Wyandotte, Mich., on his initial visit to the Falls Cities on the evening of Wednesday, March 26. President Marr will be accompanied to this city by Supreme Secretary Henry S. Hayes, and the attorney for the order, Hon. Fred J. Crowley, both of Chicago. The distinguished visitors will be met on their arrival here by their Entertainment Committee, and in the evening will be escorted to Robinson Hall, Seventeenth and Main, where an elaborate entertainment will be given in their honor. An interesting programme has been arranged, a special feature of which will be the address of President Marr, who hopes that all the members in the three cities will be present for the occasion. Refreshments, and the committees have spared no efforts to make the evening a memorable and enjoyable one. Thomas Keenan will preside and act as master of ceremonies.

RECENT DEATHS.

The funeral of James Gardner, who died Wednesday night at St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital, took place yesterday morning from St. Michael's church, attended by a vast concourse of friends and relatives who mourn his untimely death.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Monahan, sixty-nine years of age, widow of the late Michael Monahan, was held Monday morning from the Cathedral, of which she had been a faithful member. A daughter, Miss Catherine Monahan, and a brother, Cornelius O'Neil, survive her.

Following an illness of six weeks Bennett Gregory died at the home of his parents, James and Eliza Gregory, 1924 West Walnut street. He was twenty-eight years old and a popular bricklayer. Besides his parents he leaves several brothers and sisters. The funeral was held Monday morning from the Sacred Heart church.

The funeral of Michael Lally, who died early Tuesday morning, was held Thursday from St. Michael's church, Rev. Martin O'Connor officiating at the solemn mass of requiem. Deceased was thirty-four years old and the son of John and Mary Lally, 723 Franklin street. He had a wide circle of friends who deeply mourn his death.

Miss Blanche Jones, aged twenty-two, daughter of Andrew and Mary Jones, 143 Buchanan street, died at her home Monday night of gastritis. She was held in high esteem by her numerous friends, who feel deep sympathy for the bereaved parents. The funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. Rev. Father O'Sullivan officiating at the solemn mass of requiem. She is survived by a brother and one sister.

St. Patrick's parish mourns the death of another of its oldest and most highly respected members. Mrs. Winifred Nalty, beloved wife of Thomas Nalty, 316 North Nineteenth street. Mrs. Nalty was always of a happy disposition, a kind neighbor and a friend to those in distress, and in her neighborhood who will be missed. She is survived by her husband and several grown children. The funeral services over her remains were held Monday afternoon at St. Patrick's church.

DUBLIN'S CHURCH CENSUS.

Out of a total population of 350,638 in Dublin, 50,000 are Protestants. The Protestants are divided into twenty-nine different sects. From 1850 to 1890 the population of the city was always of a few followers. The Anglicans form the largest body, having according to the census 29,357 members.

OPPOSITION

To Dr. Buschmeyer's Candidacy Diminishing From All Angles.

Ex-Office Holders Only Ones Interested in Getting Bingham to Enter.

Miller Should Step Aside For Some Other Concerned in Public Welfare.

DUFFY ENTERS POLITICAL ARENA

Practically all opposition to Dr. John Buschmeyer for the Democratic nomination for Mayor is dropped, and very little, for that matter, is expected from the Republican or Progressive ranks, many of both of those parties being outspoken in his support, and it is agreed on all sides that the governing powers will have a difficult time in persuading some one to act as the goat by being standard-bearer in the November election. The recent widespread rumor that Judge Robert Bingham would enter the contest for the Democratic nomination against Buschmeyer has died out, the story being circulated principally by those who held office under Bingham's administration and are now in the attitude of a drowning man grasping at a straw, most of them being ex-Democrats who have lost caste with the Republicans, who were their last employers, and are now anxious to try for a berth in any old party. Then again some of those urging Mr. Bingham to enter the race for Mayor are Progressives, who are intent on trying to start factionalism in Democratic ranks to offset their recent brawl, while at the same time knowing that Dr. Buschmeyer is the logical choice of the Democrats and really the proper successor of Mayor Head. Many believe that after the primary Judge Bingham will be found campaigning for the election of the Democratic ticket, which will be a strong one and worthy of support.

With the announcements of many candidates for the Democratic nominations it is surprising that thus far there have been none for Aldermen and Councilmen, although it is rumored that several of the lower boards are going to announce for Aldermen, believing that their record entitles them to a promotion. A few changes are needed in the upper board and the Democrats in the ranks will not be anxious to support Aldermen like J. William Miller, who refused to devote any of his time in investigating the wages of working women in this city, which is a Democratic measure to say the least, and Alderman Miller's time is too valuable to devote to laws for the common good he should stand aside for men who will be interested. It is expected that Barney Campbell, Joseph Overberg, Dick Hutchinson, Fred Scwenker, James Treacy and Fred Lechner will be candidates to succeed themselves, while Councilmen E. J. Parker, James Norton, Thomas Lawrence and T. J. Garvey are rumored candidates for the upper board.

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THEIR BIG SHOW.

An annual event that is looked forward to with much delight is the concert and minstrel show to be given by the young men of St. Augustine's Band for the benefit of the church at their hall, 1303 West Broadway, next Wednesday and Thursday nights. These young men deserve great credit and praise, and under the training of their zealous pastor, Rev. Francis Felten, are ready to put on the "big show" of the season. The performances will begin at 8 o'clock and everybody is invited. It is expected that Bishop O'Donoghue will grace the opening performance with his presence. The price of admission is only twenty-five cents.

FAILS TO DEATH.

Injuries received in an accident one week ago last Monday caused the death Tuesday night at St. Joseph's Infirmary of James Concannon, aged about forty years, and a well known painter. His wife was at the bedside and he had received

the last sacraments when the end came. Concannon had been employed on the building in course of construction at Fourth street and Broadway. He suffered a fractured skull in the accident last week when a scaffolding upon which he was working collapsed, precipitating him to the ground. His home was at Seventeenth and Lytle streets, where he lived with his wife and two children. His funeral took place Friday from St. Patrick's church.

CHALLENGE

Sent by Priest to Gang That Threatened Him.

Father Philip J. Magrath, "the fighting priest," who conducts the Catholic Seamen's Mission at 422 West street, New York City, received an anonymous letter Saturday morning telling him to beware of an attempt on his life. The letter, which was turned over to the police of the Charles-street station, said:

"Father Magrath—While I was coming home from work, I stop in a saloon to get a drink, and I met all the bunch from Ferry street. They were talking about the drunks along West street to hold them up and they say they did not care for you or all the cops you can get, and that if they get a show they will stick them up in front of your face and that if you say anything they will blackjack you or anybody who will stick by you so look out for Saturday night. Yours truly,

"Your Friend,"
Father Magrath identified the "bunch from Ferry street" as the "Pig Alley Gorillas." The "fighting priest" has mailed several of these and received previous letters of warning of their revengeful intentions. Saturday night he summoned one of the Pig alley persons and sent him back to the gang with a challenge to come on. In several dozen hand-to-hand encounters he has had on West street since he opened the mission seven years ago. Father Magrath, who weighs several hundred pounds and is nearly all muscle, has never come out at the small end.

HOME AGAIN.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGrath Return From Visit to Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGrath and little daughter Helen returned Monday night from Havana, Cuba, where they had been on a visit for rest and recuperation for two weeks. Mr. McGrath is much impressed with the improvement in the Cuban capital and states that Havana has several innovations which far surpass the majority of our leading American cities, their tuberculosis hospital, their care of the sick and infirm, being models of their kind, in addition to the sanitary care of their streets and public buildings. He also was much impressed with the enormous police force used in preserving order. Over 5,000 patrolmen in the employ of the city administration preserve admirable order without any ostentatious display or exhibition of force. Havana also possesses, in Mr. McGrath's opinion, one of the handsomest Catholic churches he has ever seen, the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, which is conducted by the Lazarist fathers, Rev. Doroteo Gomez being rector, six priests being attached in addition to five brothers. The vestments used by the priests in saying mass are of the finest quality and contain precious stones. The picture shows are a more expensive luxury from the Cuban standpoint than at home here, the admission being thirty cents in American money and forty cents in Spanish money, and as at home several vaudeville features are given. Mr. McGrath is well qualified to speak on the improvements and reforms instituted in Havana, having visited there about seven years ago, but says there is no place like the old Kentucky home after all.

CONNELLY—BUTLER.

A marriage of widespread interest in Louisville Catholic circles will be solemnized with a nuptial mass at St. Cecilia's church at 6 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, April 15, when William J. Connelly will lead to the altar Miss Mary Butler, the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Butler. Mr. Connelly is one of the most widely known and popular Catholic young men in Louisville and is the County President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The bride-elect is a young lady of many pleasing traits of character and has been a favorite in West End social circles. After the ceremony they will leave on an extended Eastern wedding trip, and after May 5 will be at home at 520 North Twentieth street. In advance the Kentucky Irish American tendered the worthy couple its hearty congratulations.

EXPECT LARGE CROWD.

On Easter Monday, March 24, the ladies of St. Edward's church at Jeffersontown will give a euchre, lotto and supper at the home of Mrs. Mary Shivers Levi, Cedar Grove Station, on the Taylorsville road. The Jeffersontown cars stop at the door. Euchre and lotto games will start at 2:30 in the afternoon and 8 o'clock in the evening, and supper will be served beginning at 5 in the afternoon. The committee on arrangements have made preparations to take care of the usual large crowd and will have amusements for young and old.

STATISTICS

Taken From Advanced Proofs of the Official Catholic Directory.

Twenty-Three Million Catholics Are Under the Stars and Stripes.

Kentucky Ranks Nineteenth With Catholic Population of 163,288.

IS NOW READY FOR DELIVERY

According to the 1913 edition of the Official Catholic Directory, published by P. J. Kenedy & Sons, Barclay street, New York City, there are 15,154,158 Catholics in the United States. This figure includes only the Catholics of the United States proper and does not embrace the people of our faith in the foreign possessions of this country. Adding the 7,131,989 Catholics in the Philippines, the million or more in Porto Rico, the 11,510 in Alaska, the 42,108 in the Hawaiian Islands and the 900 on the Canal Zone, it will be found that there are 23,229,047 Catholics under the Stars and Stripes.

The Official Catholic Directory is full of interesting figures and according to the 1913 issue a new Catholic church is built every day in the year. There were 375 new churches established during 1912, some of them of course being only mission churches. To be exact, there are 244 new churches with resident pastors and 129 new mission churches, that is served by a neighboring pastor. All told there are 14,313 churches in the United States, 3,501 having resident pastors. According to the Kenedy publication there are 17,945 Catholic clergymen in the dioceses of the United States, 13,273 being secular clergy and 4,672 being members of religious orders. In addition to the 17,945 priests, there are also hundreds of fathers in distant lands, in fact there is hardly a civilized or uncivilized land where United States clergy are not to be found. Only a few days ago a United States priest sailed from New York for the Island of Timor, an island away out in the Indian ocean, inhabited by semi-savage Malays and Papuans.

In addition to the men engaged in the ministry, there are 6,169 studying in eight of our universities located in various parts of the country. There are also 250 academies for boys and 600 for girls, where the education of our Catholic youth receives serious attention. The number of academies for girls is of course larger than the number for men and boys, but the number of men and boy students is much larger than girl students. One of the features of the Directory which will give food for thought is the table giving the statistics of the parishes. According to the figures which have been supplied by the Diocesan Chancery officials there are 5,256 parishes which have parochial schools connected with the churches. In these 5,256 schools 1,360,761 boys and girls are receiving their elementary education. Furthermore it must be borne in mind that in many rural districts, where parochial schools can not be organized, due provision is made for the religious instruction of youth. With this in mind the fact that 1,360,761 children are attending the parochial schools will stand out more sharply. It must also be remembered that there are 47,415 orphans in our orphan asylums and adding together the number of pupils in parochial schools, in orphan asylums, detention schools, institutes, academies, high schools and colleges, it will be found that there are 1,593,319 young people under Catholic care in the United States.

The most important item in connection with the table of statistics is of course the population item, and Joseph H. Meier, the editor of Kenedy's Official Catholic Directory, has prepared for the Catholic press a table showing the twenty-five States having the largest number of Catholics. During the year 1912 Michigan has forged ahead of Wisconsin and Kansas has advanced over New Hampshire, Maine and Nebraska. The States are New York, 2,790,629; Pennsylvania, 1,633,353; Illinois, 1,468,987; Massachusetts, 1,332,435; Ohio, 745,095; Louisiana, 584,000; Michigan, 558,505; Wisconsin, 558,476; New Jersey, 506,000; Missouri, 470,000; Minnesota, 454,797; Connecticut, 435,000; California, 403,500; Texas, 306,400; Iowa, 266,735; Maryland, 260,000; Rhode Island, 260,000; Indiana, 252,764; Kentucky, 163,288; New Mexico, 140,573; Kansas, 121,000; New Hampshire, 126,034; Maine, 123,600; Nebraska, 118,270; Colorado, 105,000.

SOCIAL AT ST. ANN'S.

A euchre, lotto and social for the benefit of St. Ann's church, Seventh and Davis streets, will be given Wednesday afternoon and March 26, at the school. Games will take place at 8 o'clock p. m., and a euchre and lotto will be on at 10 o'clock. The ladies of the parish provide pleasant refreshments to take care of the usual large crowd and will have amusements for young and old.